**Maintenance of proper record of pensioners**

2288. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two years after the new pension scheme for Government employees was implemented, neither the Ministry nor the Central Pension Accounting Office have the exact number of people covered by new pension scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in connection with the management of information regarding States and number of autonomous bodies are covered under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The New Pension System (NPS) is mandatorily applicable to new recruits to Central Government service from 1st January, 2004 (except the Armed Forces in the first stage).

The Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) has been entrusted with the task of maintaining the pension records of new employees who are covered under the NPS in so far as the Government of India is concerned. As per the information available in CPAO's database, the number of people covered under the NPS in respect of civil Ministries/Departments, the Department of Posts and the Ministry of Railways is 65,036. The Controller General of Defence Accounts has separately intimated that upto January 2006, a total of 16,027 employees have jointed the NPS.

(c) Till the full architecture of the NPS is in place, States and autonomous bodies are managing the information themselves.

**Hive off of public debt administration jobs of States**

2289. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has proposed to hive off the public debt administration jobs in respect of State Governments;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been consented by Government; and